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John B. Howell House  
North side of Belfast Rd.  
east of Wheeler's Lane  
Not accessible  
ca. 1900

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

John E. Howell House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North side of Belfast Road east of Wheeler's Lane

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John E. Howell

Telephone #: 472-2210

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Belfast Road

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21152

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 3309

Folio #: 55<sup>a</sup>

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Pawson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED			

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Howell House is a two and one-half storey frame house five bays in length with a two and one-half storey frame wing extending to the north behind and approximately centered on the main house. A one-storey shed-roofed porch extends across the principal or south front; above the porch the center bay breaks out as a bay window, its roof a steep, octagonal pyramid and it is flanked by a single dormer on either side. One-storey shed-roofed porches flank the rear wing; in the westerly roof of the rear wing is a steep pediment above that wing's central bay. A one-storey hipped roof bay window is centered on the east end of the main house and a small wing of one-storey, two bays, extends easterly from the southerly bay of the rear wing. A pair of single-flue brick chimneys rises from the main roof ridge flanking the central bay, a third rises from the middle of the rear wing and a fourth rises internally at the east end of the small east wing. Exterior walls are covered with asbestos shingles, the roofs with standing-seam tin.

Windows in the main house are 1/1, except for the dormers which are 2/2; windows of the rear wing are 2/2 and the window in the west pediment is arched. All windows, except those of the attic storey, are flanked with louvred blinds.

The structure appears to date from ca. 1890-1905.

A central hall extends through the middle bay of the main house, flanked by a single room on either side. In the hall, the

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

RIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	Unknown	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Unknown
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County tax assessment of 1896.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre ±

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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For Valleys Historical District Project

DATE

November 1976

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 continued

principal stair rises to the second floor, its detailing of the Queen Anne period with massive turned cherry newels, moulded rails and turned chestnut balusters on a closed string. The west room has a painted slate mantel, incised and carved in Eastlake-type designs, formally fitted with a Latrobe stove. The rear wing is two rooms in length and a secondary stair rises to the attic enclosed with winders, west of the central chimney. The second floor plan is similar to the first, but detailing is simpler. A stone-walled cellar extends under the entire house.

North of the house is a large frame bank barn on a concrete block foundation, the latter being considerably later than the barn itself, being constructed of circular sawn timbers joined with mortise and tenon. The loft or upper storey is accessible on grade along the east side of the barn.

West of the barn is a frame grainery; the driveway through the ground storey is flanked by a corn crib on the north, a wagon shed on the south. Its hewn timber frame is joined with mortise and tenon.

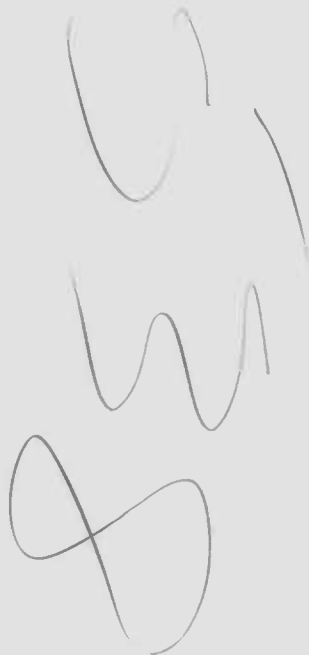


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JOHN B. HOWELL HOUSE

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JOHN B. HOWELL GRANNERY

Jim Wollan

1978

